

# GAVILAN COLLEGE

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Re: Concerns Related to Development of Coyote Valley

Each California community college is assigned an exclusive service area. Each college district, under the direction and control of a locally elected Board of Trustees, is responsible for providing vocational training programs, specialized job training to meet local employer needs, and for providing academic programs that provide the first two years of a college education to residents and businesses within the college district's service area. The California community college system includes 109 colleges and provides educational services to more than 1.1 million students each year.

Gavilan Joint Community College District is the college district that has responsibility for providing job training and higher education services to the Coyote Valley area. Gavilan's service area extends from Bernal Road in San Jose south through most of San Benito County. The College currently serves a population of 115,000. The Coyote Valley development will increase the service population to 195,000.

The College's main campus is located in Gilroy. Gavilan established educational sites in Hollister and Morgan Hill to meet the educational needs of the local residents in these areas. Gavilan's existing facilities in Gilroy and Morgan Hill cannot accommodate the level of increase proposed for Coyote Valley. It will be necessary for Gavilan to establish at least an educational center if not a complete college campus in the Coyote Valley area. We will need your assistance in creating an opportunity, through the planning process, to establish an educational center tailored to meet the unique needs of the Coyote Valley.

The College has access to some local funds for development purposes as a result of a recently approved bond measure. A substantial amount of funding will need to be provided by the State of California and/or business partners to complete development of an educational center. As the Coyote Valley Specific Plan is developed, I believe it is important to allow appropriate zoning to accommodate a community college center or campus within the boundaries of the proposed development area.



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I will contact you to invite you to a meeting with the Board of Trustees of the Gavilan Joint Community College District so that the Board can assess how best to proceed in providing useful information for consideration of the development of the Coyote Valley.

Sincerely,



Steven M. Kinsella, DBA, CPA  
Superintendent/President

cc: Gavilan College Board of Trustees

Coyote Valley Specific Plan Task Force members: Ron Gonzales, Forrest Williams, Pat Dando, Don Gage, Russ Danielson, Jim Cunneen, Dan Hancock, Steve Schott, Jr., Craig Edgerton, Ken Saso, Terry Watt, Chris Platten, Doreen Morgan, Helen Chapman, Neil Struthers, Phaedra Ellis-Lamkins, Steve Speno, Chuck Butters, Eric Carruthers, Gladwyn D'Souza